

MINORITY

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

JANUARY 2, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:22) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that for the second time in less than a week, immigration officers arrested Chinese immigrants at the Long Beach Harbor. At least 18 illegal immigrants were arrested when they were found hiding in a cargo container on a ship from China. They were reportedly on board for 20 days, as the ship sailed from Hong Kong to British Columbia, and finally to Long Beach. The week before, INS agents detained more than 20 illegal Chinese immigrants hiding in a shipping container.

CUBA BOY

JANUARY 5, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that the tug over war over 6-year old Elian Gonzales had escalated into full-scale verbal warfare that night. A key ruling by the U.S immigration service was that the boy be returned to his father in Cuba. That decision sparked outrage from the boy's relatives and protests in the Cuban community of Miami.

VIOLENCE

JANUARY 7, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:36) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that a new California law helped victims of domestic violence fight back. Local leaders praised the measure, which took effect January 1. It would help victims get "Initial Police Reports" on incidents within 48 hours, and full reports within 5 days. This would help victims get faster restraining orders.

CUBAN COMMUNITY

JANUARY 8, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:24) TRT 01:35

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Cuban exiles living in Miami were calling for civil disobedience to last through the weekend. They wanted drivers to slowdown at the Miami International Airport on Monday to create traffic jams. It was all in reaction to the INS decision that six-year-old Elaine Gonzales is sent back to Cuba to live with his father. In Miami the relatives of Elian said they were appreciative of the protests in the streets of Miami but they said violence should be avoided. At the White House that day, President Clinton said the decision to send Gonzales back to Cuba was a difficult one and he wanted to keep the matter out of the political process.

ALIEN SMUGGLING

JANUARY 11, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:05) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that an attempt to smuggle Chinese immigrants into the U.S turned deadly in Seattle. 18 aliens spent three weeks cramped inside a cargo container on a trip from Hong Kong to Seattle. Two men and an elderly woman were found dead inside when authorities opened the container. They apparently ran out of water and only had rotting vegetable and crackers to eat.

GRANDPARENT RIGHTS

JANUARY 12, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:15) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that it was an emotional issue before the Supreme Court that day. The Justices were asked to decide what visitation rights grandparents would have, especially when a parent opposed those visits. Gary and Jennifer Troxel of Washington State sued for visitation rights because after their son died, the children's mother limited the time they could spend with their grandchildren. All 50 state had some law allowing grandparents visitation rights. A decision was expected in June.

HOME DEPOT

JANUARY 14, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:18) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that Home Depot was being accused of discrimination again. Twelve Black employees had filed a 120-million dollar lawsuit against the home improvement chain, saying they were denied raises, training and promotions at a suburban Detroit store. Two years before, Home Depot agreed to a 65-million dollar class-action settlement over complaints that it discriminated against women employees in ten western states.

MLK MARCH

JANUARY 17, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:14) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that "Keep the Dream Alive," was the message across America that day. For the first time since becoming a holiday, all fifty states celebrated the legacy of Doctor Martin Luther King, Junior. In the Southland, thousands of people lined the streets of Inglewood for the city's King day celebration featuring a "parade-style" civil rights march which Pat Harvey had the privilege of being the Grand Marshal of.

CONFEDERATE FLAG

JANUARY 17, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:27) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that thousands of people in South Carolina marked the King holiday with protest over the Confederate flag. The demonstrators marched on the Statehouse in Columbia demanding that the Confederate flag be taken down from the state capital building. The marchers also demanded a permanent holiday for state workers to honor Doctor King.

LATINO DOCTORS

JANUARY 19, 2000 3:30 P.M. (03:37) TRT 00:14

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the number of Latino doctors in Southern California was going down and that was causing concern with the "Southland" growing Latino community who feared they would not get good medical care. Some lawmakers were considering legislation to address the problem.

RACIAL PROFILING

JANUARY 20, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:17) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the next time you get pulled over by a Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputy, he will not be asking what race you are. Sheriff Lee Baca rejected a request that deputies collect ethnic information about drivers who were pulled over. The Sheriff said it would cost too much money and time to ask those questions. The Board of Supervisors wanted that information to see if minorities were pulled over at a greater rate than Whites. It was termed, "Racial Profiling." L.A. Police Chief Bernard Parks also rejected a similar study in his department.

ABORTION RALLY

JANUARY 22, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:11) TRT 00:41

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that in Washington D.C, that day, supporters and opponents of abortion rights marked that day's anniversary with vigil marches and protests. Outside the Supreme Court Building, members of the National Organization for Women braved the cold to march in support of a woman's right to choose. Across town, anti-abortionist protestors also made themselves heard, picketing outside a Planned Parenthood office. That Friday, a federal judge barred seven pro-life activists from blocking access to Washington area abortion clinics. Anti-abortion activists planned to hold their annual "Right to Life" March in Washington on Monday.

LATINO VOTE

JANUARY 23, 2000 2:00 P.M (02:18) TRT 00:40

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that top political leaders were meeting with the Southland's Latino leaders that day, to address the hot button issues in that year's presidential election. The newspaper, "La Opinion" was hosting the forum between Hispanic advocacy groups and political directors for presidential candidates Bill Bradley, George W. Bush, Al Gore, and John McCain. The forum focused on everything from education and employment to health care and public safety. La Opinion also released the results of a statewide poll of Latino voters, which showed Gore had a huge lead over George W. Bush among California's Latino voters.

GAY CLUB

JANUARY 24, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:39) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a heated controversy over a gay tolerance club had gone from the school board to the courthouse. Student organizers decided to sue the Orange Unified School District, claiming their constitutional rights were being violated.

SPECIAL ED

JANUARY 25, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:16) TRT 00: 30

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that many children with disabilities were not getting the education they should. The reason was that states were not complying with federal laws. An independent agency found that U.S officials were not forcing compliance, leaving parents to "sue" in order to enforce the law. In many cases, children with disabilities were taught in separate classrooms, and schools were not following regulations meant to protect these students from discrimination. Nearly 6-million American children receive special education instruction and services at a cost of almost 40-billion dollars. Five point seven billion of that is federal money.

ACLU CLASSROOM

JANUARY 26, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:12) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that students at Rosemont Elementary had to face classroom problems since overcrowding forced five separate classes to be moved into the gym. The ACLU stepped in and filed a lawsuit claiming the noisy environment made it just too difficult to learn. The district took notice and set up four portable classrooms. Since the district set up the classrooms, the ACLU said they would drop the lawsuit.

FLAG BURNING

JANUARY 28, 2000 8:00 P.M. (08:22) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that it was not a flag that flew in the Southland but symbolism. That day, at the KABC studio in Los Angeles, talk show host Al Rantel held a flag burning on his show. Rantel and his followers rejected suggestions that the flag represented southern pride and heritage. He said the Confederate flag represented racism and deserved to be burned.

DIALLO TRIAL

FEBRUARY 2, 2000 8:00 P.M. (08:05) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that in Albany, New York, the trial of four white cops accused of shooting an unarmed Black man over forty times was underway. Amadou Diallo was gunned down while standing in the doorway of his Bronx apartment building. A prosecutor in the case said the cops never called out commands like, "stop. Police." Officers claimed they acted in self-defense when Diallo appeared to be reaching for a gun. It turned out to be a wallet. If convicted of murder the officers would face 25 years to life in prison.

DEATH PENALTY

FEBRUARY 4, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:02) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that an Oregon nun whose book inspired the movie, "Dead Man Walking," was fighting to repeal the death penalty in her state. Sister Helen Prejean spoke to a group the night before about her efforts. She hoped Oregonians would lead the way for a nationwide repeal of the death penalty. Sister Helen argued her point on "moral, religious responsibility, and economic grounds." She said it was four to five times more costly to execute inmates than keep them in prison for life. Sister Helen was nominated twice for the Nobel Peace Prize for her work with death row inmates.

HATE CRIME

FEBRUARY 7, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:05) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that authorities announced that day that they charged three men for the cross burning at the home of an inter-racial couple in Shadow Hills that past year. 21-year old Daniel Claxton, 18-year old Justin Berkowitz and 19-year old Christopher Fraley faced hate crime charges. Authorities said the three men threw a six-foot tall cross into the driveway of the home of a mixed-race family that past fall. The men were arrested over the weekend.

DIALLO TRIAL

FEBRUARY 8, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:08) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that there was more testimony that day in the trial of four New York City police officers, accused of killing a West-African immigrant. The four White officers were charged with second-degree murder in the shooting of Amadou Diallo. Yesterday, a witness described hearing a pause in the shooting. That was significant information to the case because prosecutors could argue that officers had a chance to realize Diallo was unarmed. Defense attorneys said Diallo failed to stop on command. An appeals court moved the trial to Albany after ruling the defendants couldn't get a fair trial in New York City.

FURROW IN COURT

FEBRUARY 13, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:18) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Wayne Garcia reported that the self-described White supremacist charged with a shooting at the Jewish Community Center a year before would find out whether he would be facing the death penalty. The government had until Tuesday to determine whether to seek the death penalty against Buford Furrow. Furrow was accused of killing a Filipino-American mail carrier shortly after wounding five people, including three children, at the North Valley Jewish Community Center in North Hills. The murder of a federal employee could carry the death penalty, but would have to be approved by the Attorney General.

PARDONED SAILER

FEBRUARY 13, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:14) TRT 00:47

KCAL9 anchor Wayne Garcia reported that the lone survivor of a group of sailors courageous enough to stand up to racism and the weight of military justice, was honored in the Southland. President Clinton granted Freddie Meeks a full pardon that past December. That day, Freddie Meeks was honored by the 88th Street Temple. He and 49 other Black sailors were court-martialed for refusing to load ammunition after an explosion killed 320 Black sailors at Port Chicago in World War II. Bishop B.R Benbow of the 88th Street Temple was also connected to the events at the Chicago Navy yard. He was offered a transfer to Chicago, but refused the day before the deadly explosion.

RESTAURANT LAW

MARCH 1, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:14) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that a trendy West Hollywood eatery discriminated against minority patrons. The plaintiffs included lawyers, Federal investigators and insurance agents. They said they were denied entrance to Lola's restaurant between August and that past January because of their race. The restaurant's owner vehemently denied they discriminated against anyone because of their skin. She said they only turned away customers when the

restaurant was full and they did not have dinner reservations, or did not meet its dress code.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

MARCH 1, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:22) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that an unprecedented 20 women filed for divorce in Cairo that day, the first day of a new law making it easier for wives to leave their husbands. Under the new law, a judge would give women a 3-month period to try to reconcile. If the women did not change their minds, a divorce was granted. Under the old law women had to prove they were physically or psychologically abused in order to divorce. Men could divorce their wives any time without any approval. Women who divorced their husbands must return their dowries and relinquish financial claims.

NAZI BAR

MARCH 9, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:14) TRT 00:37

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles had a problem with a bar in South Korea. Young people in Seoul were partying at a club completely dedicated to Nazi paraphernalia. They were sipping drink under swastikas and pictures of Hitler. The owner of the bar said he chose the Nazi theme to attract business. He said all he knew about Hitler was that he quote "killed some Jews." The bar opened the year before. But the Simon Wiesenthal Center asked South Korea's Ambassador to the U.S. to do something about it. The Israeli Embassy in Seoul was also protesting.

BOB JONES DATING

MARCH 9, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:16) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported on another change for South Carolina's Bob Jones University and its policy on interracial dating. The conservative Christian School had been the focus of attention since a controversial visit by presidential candidate George W. Bush. The previous Friday, the school dropped its fifty-year ban on interracial dating. Later school officials said students would have to get their parents permission first. The school was then saying students should notify parents only about serious dating outside their race. The school would offer only counseling to students who failed to get permission. Students would no longer face disciplinary action.

LATINA ROLE MODELS

MARCH 12, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:41) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the importance of female role models in the Latin culture took center stage that day at the "Feria de la Mujer." Women and their families were out in force, enjoying all hat the 14th annual women's fair

had to offer. From free health advice to beauty tips, women were given a chance to pamper themselves. However, husbands and kids were not forgotten, as there was a little something for everybody. .

GAY SCHOOL PROTESTS

MARCH 20, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:27) TRT 00:33

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a Baptist Minister brought his anti-gay message to an Orange County High School already embroiled in a gay club controversy. The protests involved several groups, including one from Kansas led by the Reverend Fred Phelps. They carried placards with anti-gay slogans in front of El Modena High School in Orange. Their arrival was not welcomed by parents who also opposed a gay club on campus, but for different reasons. The Orange school board had banned the club but supporters won a Federal injunction to keep it open until a lawsuit was settled.

POLITICS

CLINTON

JANUARY 2, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:11) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that President Clinton led a prayer during the National Cathedral's first service of the new millennium. The President and Mrs. Clinton attended the Sunday service and led the intercession together. Clinton offered a brief prayer giving thanks for his family's good fortunes. Clinton also thanked God for guiding America through problems of the twentieth century, and into the twenty-first.

KENNEDY/GORE

JANUARY 5, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:12) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that Al Gore picked up an important endorsement that day. Senator Ted Kennedy took the unusual step of supporting the Vice President before the Democratic Convention. It was something Kennedy had never done before. Gore faced a strong challenge from Bill Bradley in New Hampshire. So far, Bradley had outspent Gore 2 to one on T.V ads for the nation's first Primary.

CUBA BOY

JANUARY 5, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:04) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a 6-year old child was at the center of an international controversy that day. He was Elian Gonzales, a young Cuban boy living with family relatives in Miami. U.S Officials decided that day that the boy belonged with his father in Cuba. But, that decision added fuel to an already fierce fire. If Attorney General Janet Reno would not overrule the decision, lawyers for the boy's Miami family vowed to go to federal court to block the boy's return. They also planned to push political asylum claims. At the current time, the INS wanted the boy returned to his father in Cuba by January 14.

ASSAULT WEAPONS

JANUARY 6, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:07) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that some California gun shop dealers might be over-reacting to a new state law banning some assault weapons. The law that went into effect January first banned more versions of military style weapons. Many dealers had begun removing hundreds of hunting rifles from their store shelves, fearing the weapons were illegal.

CUBA BOY

JANUARY 7, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:03) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that there was a stunning new twist in the fight to keep little Elian Gonzales in the United States, that night. An anti-Castro lawmaker, Republican Congressman Dan Burton, issued a subpoena to keep Elian in the U.S., despite an immigration ruling that he is returned to his native Cuba.

STATE BUDGET

JANUARY 10, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:07) TRT 00:23

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that Governor Davis had unveiled an 88-billion dollar state budget with education grabbing a big share of record revenues. The governor had a lot to smile about. The budget represented a ten-percent hike over current spending, all because of the roaring economy. Davis earmarked 36-billion dollars for education, emphasizing teacher training and recruitment.

MAHONY

JANUARY 12, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:16) TRT 00:42

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that prosecutors in California want more children tried as adults, but they picked up a powerful opponent – Cardinal Roger Mahogany. That day, the Roman Catholic leader joined students for a rally at Delores Mission School. He was against proposition 21, the prosecutor-backed measure that would send more children to adult courts. Supporters of Prop.21 said the existing juvenile justice system was not designed to handle the growing number of violent children.

HAVANA PROTEST

JANUARY 14, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:13) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that in Cuba, tens of thousands of women took to the streets of Havana, demanding the return of Elian Gonzales. He was the six-year-old boy found clinging to an inner tube off the Florida coast. His mother died trying to reach the United States.

GORE/BRADLEY

JANUARY 17, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:08) TRT 00:48

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that in an Iowa debate that night, Democrat President candidates Bill Bradley and Al Gore agreed that the Confederate flag should come down in South Carolina. But, the fireworks began

on the subject of racial profiling. Racial profiling is a practice in which some police officers target racial minorities for traffic stops.

BUSH

JANUARY 22, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:17) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the Iowa Caucus was only two days away and since it was the first big indication of what voters were feeling and thinking, the presidential candidates were not taking any chances. The front-runner on the Republican side, George W. Bush spent the day in several Iowa cities ending his day in Cedar Rapids. Many polls showed him with a big lead, but you could not tell it by the way he was campaigning that day. Bush, by the way, came under attack from his rivals, who claimed he abandoned the conservatives. Although polls showed Vice President Al Gore with a twenty point lead on the Democrats side, he attended several rallies that day and shook a lot of hands. He urged his supporters to make sure they go to their Caucus on Monday, and not take anything for granted. Gore continued his attack on his Chief rival Bill Bradley and his health care plans. Publisher Steve Forbes was also out courting the Iowa conservative vote that day. Forbes was considered the main rival to Bush in Iowa and had been challenging the front runner on the abortion issue. Recent polls put Bush ahead of Forbes by about 20 points.

ABANDONED BABIES

JANUARY 23, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:15) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that lawmakers in Sacramento were taking action to try to keep California mothers from abandoning unwanted newborns. No one knew for sure how many babies were tossed into dumpsters or left in the streets. Some California lawmakers were proposing a system similar to one used in Texas. Moms could abandon their children legally within 30 days of birth by dropping them off at a hospital – no questions asked. But, opponents said the Bill would make it too easy to abandon a baby.

CUBA BOY

JANUARY 25, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:12) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that there was new hope that night for the grandmothers of Elian Gonzales in their fight to bring him back to Cuba. The women fought with lawmakers on Capitol Hill to return him to his homeland. Immigration officials ordered a meeting between Elian and his grandmothers at the home of a Catholic Nun for the following day. A federal judge was set to hear arguments for Elian's political asylum on that the following week. At about that time, Congress would be voting on whether to grant him U.S citizenship or not.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY

JANUARY 25, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:11) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Al Gore hoped to use momentum from his easy win over Bill Bradley in Iowa. But, Bradley was buoyed by the latest poll that showed him in a dead heat with Gore in New Hampshire. On the Republican side, George W. Bush arrived in New England hoping to build on his Iowa victory. He trailed John McCain in the latest poll by a 39 percent margin.

CLINTON STATE OF THE UNION

JANUARY 27, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:04) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that it was the last time William Jefferson Clinton would ever address a joint session of Congress – his Eighth State of the Union. The president tried to put something in his speech for everyone, even the Republicans.

ELIAN GONZALEZ

JANUARY 28, 2000 8:00 P.M. (08:12) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a federal judge in Florida was speeding up the schedule for hearing the Elian Gonzalez case. As the six-year-old shipwrecked Cuban boy played in Miami, the struggle continued over where he would live. His Cuban grandparents found a sympathetic ear on Capital Hill. The Florida nun selected by Janet Reno as a neutral party in the custody battle met with Reno, but could not change the attorney general's determination to return Elian to Cuba. The boy's Florida relatives would be challenging a U.S. Government's ruling that Elian's father in Cuba was entitled to decide his future. Senior U.S. Officials said they would stand firm and would not change their decision to send Elian Gonzalez back to his father in Cuba.

ILLINOIS EXECUTIONS

JANUARY 31, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:11) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the governor of Illinois put a halt to all executions in his state capital punishment system. Recently 13-prisoners had their death penalty cases overturned, when it was determined they weren't guilty after all. Governor George Ryan said he supported the death penalty, but did not want innocent people executed. The month prior, prosecutors dropped charges against a former police officer. He was convicted and sentenced to die based on the testimony of a jailhouse informant.

PROPOSITION 21

FEBRUARY 1, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:16) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that opponents were speaking out against Proposition 21. The controversial initiative on the March ballot seeks to put more juvenile criminals in adult prisons. Under the measure, Juveniles 14 and older charged with certain types of violent crimes would no longer be eligible for juvenile court. LAPD Chief Bernard Parks and State Assembly Speaker Antonio Villaraigosa said the measure wasn't necessary or needed. Supporters, including Governor Gray Davis said Prop.21 would provide more resources for prevention and early intervention by streamlining juvenile court proceedings.

NEW HAMPSHIRE PRIMARY

FEBRUARY 1, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:02) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the voters of New Hampshire spoke that night in the year's first Presidential Primary. John McCain won in a landslide over George W. Bush, and Al Gore beat Bill Bradley. McCain took 49 percent of the vote, followed by Bush with 30 percent. Steve Forbes with 13 percent. Alan Keyes 6 percent and Gray Bauer, one percent. In the Democratic Primary. Al Gore grabbed 52 percent of the vote compared to 47 percent for his only challenger, Bill Bradley.

PRIMARY FOLLOW-UP

JANUARY 2, 2000 8:00 P.M. (08:02) TRT 0041

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that Vice President Al Gore was flying into Burbank that night. The night before was a victory for him at the New Hampshire Primary and he would soon be looking for votes in California. Gore's Democratic challenger Bill Bradley took his campaign to New York where he promised to step up his campaign. On the Republican side, the big New Hampshire winner, John McCain headed for South Carolina. George W. Bush was also campaigning in South Carolina.

CLINTON GUNS

FEBRUARY 4, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:20) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that without waiting for Congress, President Clinton was going after the gun dealers most responsible for street crime. The president gave new powers to federal agents who would target the dealers who sold the most weapons to criminals. Congress had been deadlocked on gun control but Mr. Clinton said the measure would make a difference. The President said one percent of the gun dealers in the country sold more than half the weapons used in crimes.

GARY BAUER

FEBRUARY 4, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:05) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that it was down to four candidates for the Republican Presidential nomination. Gary Bauer officially called it quits. Bauer got barely one percent of the vote in New Hampshire. He said he was proud of how he moved the campaign debate toward conservative issues and he said the final judgement came from the voters. Bauer did not endorse any of the remaining Republicans but he called them all, "...good decent men," something he did not say about the Democrats.

CLINTON/BUDGET

FEBRUARY 7, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:04) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that President Clinton unveiled his last budget plan that day, and it called for tax dollars to pay for senior citizen's prescription drugs. All told, the proposal totaled his one-point eight trillion dollars. The President's plan was popular, but would it get past Congress? The President's plan would cut taxes for the sick, elderly, poor and college-bound. It called for spending more on the environment, schools and the enforcement of gun laws.

TOBACCO COMPANY

FEBRUARY 8, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:17) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that tobacco companies first faced legal battles over the safety of cigarettes, and now they would have to face charges of price fixing. A new lawsuit accused the tobacco companies of conspiring to fix prices since the 1980's. The class-action lawsuit was expected to be filed that day in Washington. It would name Philip Morris, RJ Reynolds and Brown and Williamson among others. Industry spokesmen called the suit frivolous.

STEVE FORBES QUIT

FEBRUARY 9, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:07) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that another contender was out of the presidential race. Sources were saying millionaire Steve Forbes would announce the following day that he was no longer a presidential candidate. The words came after the previous night's Primary in New Hampshire, where Forbes finished a disappointing third.

VALENTINE CARD

FEBRUARY 11, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:11) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that some Southlanders hoped to put a little love in the air by sending a giant Valentine's Day card to the National Rifle

Association. They placed a 12-foot card reading, "Love, not Guns." On Santa Monica's Third Street Promenade for people to sign through the Valentine's weekend. The Los Angeles alliance for survival would then mail the card. It asked the NRA to focus on what it called the rising number of incidents involving gun and violence in schools and communities.

CUBAN SPY

FEBRUARY 17, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:15) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that FBI agents said they arrested a high ranking Miami immigration official and charged him with spying for the Cuban government. Agents said Mariano Faget held security clearance that directly affected immigrants and people seeking political asylum. The Havana native was scheduled to appear in court the following day.

SAFE SEX CITATION

FEBRUARY 18, 2000 8:00 P.M. (08:23) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a controversial measure requiring bars and restaurants to provide condoms could be one step closer to becoming a law. Enough signatures were collected to put Safer Sex Act 200 on the ballot. The measure made certain bars and restaurants in West Hollywood responsible for providing free condoms to customers. AIDS activists had tried unsuccessfully to get the City Council to take up the issue. Activists were reaching out to the city's 23-thousand registered voters. The measure would appear on the ballot during the next scheduled Municipal Election.

PRESIDENTIAL RACE

FEBRUARY 21, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:10) TRT 00:58

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the race for the White House was in Michigan for the following day's GOP Primary. George W. Bush surprised pollsters over the weekend by scoring a big victory in South Carolina. Pollsters said the race in Michigan between George W. Bush and John McCain was too close to call. Pollsters had Bush and McCain in a dead heat going into that Saturday's Primary. Bush scored a stunning defeat. Both Democratic candidates were also on the campaign trail that day, but they were in New York. Vice President Al Gore was busy meeting people in Harlem that morning while former Senator Bill Bradley spoke with some Latino voters in Brooklyn about healthcare. That night, both candidates would debate race and urban issues in the historic Apollo Theatre in Harlem.

PRIMARY WINS

MARCH 1, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:34) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported on election coverage. Texas Governor George Bush won big time in three state primaries that previous day. That day Bush was campaigning in Duluth, Georgia. The previous day, he beat McCain in Virginia. 53 percent to 44 percent in Washington State he had a double-digit margin of Victory. In North Dakota, Bush received 76 percent of the votes. On the Democratic side, Vice President Al Gore was there campaigning for the following week's "Super Tuesday" primary. He was also a winner in Washington State the previous day. He was also getting ready to debate former Senator Bill Bradley that night in a live debate in L.A.

BAUER RETRACT

MARCH 2, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:22) TRT 00:34

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that former Republican Presidential candidate Gary Bauer was calling on Senator John McCain to retract recent comments he made referring to religious right leaders Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell as "agents of intolerance." Bauer earlier that month threw his support to McCain in the campaign.

MCCAIN/SAIGON

MARCH 2, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:25) TRT 00:52

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Bill Bradley tried to climb back into the race for the White House, in the last Democratic debate before Super Tuesday. That was just one development on this busy political Wednesday, with three of the four major presidential candidates in the Southland.

DEMOCRATIC DEBATE

MARCH 2, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:20) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Gore and Bradley both said they opposed Proposition 22, the protection of Marriage Act, because they said the law already protected heterosexual marriages and the proposition unfairly targeted gays and lesbians. They both said they opposed racial profiling, and both defended their recent meetings with the controversial Rev. Al Sharpton in New York.

BUSH

MARCH 2, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:19) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that George W. Bush would be in the Southland the following day for the Republican debate, after campaigning in Missouri and Georgia that day. Bush was still basking in the glow from his triple

primary victory the previous day. He was brought back to the brutal campaign by the question whether he still considered John McCain a friend.

MCCAIN/SAIGON

MARCH 2, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:24) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that John McCain walked into a political minefield that night, not sure how he would be received in the little Saigon area of Orange County. He was still smarting from criticism for using a racial slur that outraged many in the Vietnamese community.

RIORDAN REAX

MARCH 2, 2000 3:30 P.M. (3:41) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Richard Riordan that day commended Parks and his staff for undertaking the study. He said their work set up "a course of true accountability." There were some fireworks at the Mayor's news conference when some council members tried to enter. They said armed guards locked them out. They also contended the Mayor had kept them out of the loop on the corruption scandal.

DEMOCRATIC DEBATE

MARCH 2, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:23) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that in fact that may have turned out to be the last democratic debate in that year's campaign. Bradley refused most of the night to attack Gore, unlike past debates, when he ripped into Gore's previous record on issues like abortion, gun control, tobacco, and racial profiling. That night there was only one direct clash, when Bradley charged Gore once voted for tax breaks for schools that discriminated like Bob Jones University.

PROPOSITION 22 DEMONSTRATIONS

MARCH 3, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:21) TRT 00:14

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that Proposition 22 had been drawing plenty of fire that night. That rally was one of two scheduled that night to oppose Proposition 22. Under that measure, only marriages between men and women would be valid or recognized in California. Another rally was scheduled in San Francisco.

SMOKING TAX

MARCH 3, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:29) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that for California voters, the choices were not limited to candidates. One proposition on Tuesday's ballot would roll back the state's cigarette tax by 50 cents a pack. Proposition 28 would repeal

proposition ten which raised cigarette taxes. Some of the revenues helped fund early childhood development programs. .

GORE

MARCH 3, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:34) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that Vice President Al Gore was looking to Super Tuesday and looking past his main opponent, Bill Bradley. In campaign stops that day, Gore never once mentioned Bradley. Instead, he attacked George W. Bush on issues like gun control, affirmative action and modernization of schools. In the Super Tuesday primaries, Gore was comfortably ahead of Bradley in every one.

GOP LATEST

MARCH 3, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:17) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that McCain was still attracting significant support from independent voters and even some democrats in California. In fact, that week's polls indicated that McCain could actually win the popular vote in California's beauty contest the following Tuesday, but lost the closed primary where only Republican votes counted and got no delegates. If that happened, it would touch off a whole new controversy about California's weird new primary system.

GOP LATEST

MARCH 3, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:20) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that that night, the candidates headed into the furious home stretch for Super Tuesday. Sixteen states and one U.S. territory held presidential primaries or caucused in four days. California was the biggest prize of all. But the battlefield had temporarily shifted east as Bush, McCain, Gore, and Bradley stumped for each and every vote on what could be the decisive day in that year's race for the nominations.

NO ON PROPOSITION 22

MARCH 4, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:31) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that as the clock ticked down to Tuesday's vote, political groups were making their last minute pitches to voters. The "no on proposition 22" campaign was working the phones that weekend to build opposition to the anti-gay marriage initiative. The measure defined marriage as between a man and a woman, but opponents said it was unnecessary and divisive. They feared it would lead to the denial of domestic partnership benefits. At the time, no state in the country had legalized same-sex marriages.

3 STRIKES PRESS

MARCH 4, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:34) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that families and community members rallied against California's "three strikes law" three days before Tuesday's primaries. That day they marched down Los Angeles streets, saying the six-year-old law was targeting petty criminals instead of the violent offenders it was intended for. The marchers signed a petition to amend the law. They also wanted people to vote no on "Prop 21", a law they said would unfairly target juvenile offenders. Prop 21 would roughen punishment for certain offenses, including juvenile crimes.

ELECTION 2000

MARCH 7, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:38) TRT 00:13

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported on three days and counting to Super Tuesday. The candidates were pushing up their campaigns across the country. The Republican Presidential candidates were both in New York that day where polls showed Governor George Bush and Senator John McCain in a tight race. Bill Bradley was also in New York that day. He was upbeat, despite polls that showed him trailing Gore in every state. Bradley and his wife, Earnestine, greeted people on the street. He even took time to eat pizza for lunch.

PINOCHET ARRIVAL

MARCH 2, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:25) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that Chile's former dictator was back home, and back in the middle of angry debate. Augusto Pinochet returned to Chile that day. Family, friends and military brass, but no government officials greeted him. After 16 months in detention, Britain released Pinochet, saying he was unfit to stand trial on torture charges. The former dictator and his secret police were accused of killing thousand in Chile during the 70's. His opponents wanted to put him on trial.

PANHANDLING

MARCH 2, 2000 12:00 P.M (12:33) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 reporter Jaime Garza reported that panhandling was not protected by the constitution. That was the opinion of the California Supreme Court. The ruling would make it easier for cities including Los Angeles, to pass and enforce anti-begging laws. L.A. already had such a law but it was being challenged, and a Federal Court was blocking it. Opponents said such laws interfered with a person's freedom of speech. But the California court disagreed, saying the laws applied equally to everybody regardless of their viewpoints.

PROP RESULTS

MARCH 7, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:22) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that it was a fourteen word proposition that said simply "only marriage between a man and a woman was valid or recognized in California." But for those coming down on either side of Proposition 22, it was anything but simple. The measure prohibited California from recognizing same-sex marriages if they should become legal in the other states. Opponents said the measure was not needed because no state recognized same-sex marriages.

NATIONAL RESULTS

MARCH 7, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:25) TRT 00:33

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that it was a commanding clean sweep for Vice President Al Gore. On the Republican side, John McCain put in a strong showing in the New England states, but lost the rest, and lost all three prizes of Super Tuesday, New York, Ohio, and California.

UP FOR GRABS

MARCH 7, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:17) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported on 16 states were having primaries or caucuses across the country. The polls were closed in all of the states having primaries. There were 1,315 democratic delegates up for grabs. Most of them would be awarded on the percentage of the final vote. On the republican side, 613 delegates were up for grabs, with the majority of them in a "winner take all" format. Some others were awarded on the percentage of the final vote.

INTERNET VOTING

MARCH 7, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:20) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that democrats in GOP contender John McCain's home state of Arizona were making political history. Starting at midnight, democratic voters began logging in and voting for their candidates on the Internet. That was the first and it had attracted five times more voters than the 1996 primary. It was the first large-scale online voting experiment in American Presidential Politics.

ELIAN HEARING

MARCH 9, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:37) TRT 00:13

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that Elian Gonzalez's case moved to Federal court. A judge heard arguments that day on whether to reunite Elian with his father in Cuba or grant him a political asylum hearing.

ELIAN HEARING

MARCH 9, 2000 8:00 P.M. (8:22) TRT 00:17

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported on a crucial hearing in a Miami courtroom in the case of six-year-old Elian Gonzales. Flag waving demonstrators marched outside the courthouse. Inside, a judge heard arguments on whether Elian's Miami relatives could legally challenge an INS ruling that the boy be returned to his father in Cuba. The judge recessed the hearing without a decision.

DEATH PENALTY

MARCH 10, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:17) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that New Hampshire had not had an execution in 61 years and lawmakers wanted to keep it that way. The "state houses" had voted to abolish the death penalty. The bill went to the Senate. Opponents of the death penalty said it was imposed unfairly, most often on minorities and the poor. The Governor supported capital punishment, and she was promising to veto the bill that banned it.

CLINTON GUNS

MARCH 12, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:22) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the National Rifle Association had President Clinton in its sights. The NRA was running a new attack ad campaign, targeting the President for promoting gun control legislation intended to reduce gun-related violence. President Clinton said he did not mind the attacks, as long as the legislation got passed. The subject at issue again in the current legislation was gun shows. The President wanted a three-day wait on purchases, but the NRA said anything more than 24 hours infringed on people's rights.

BUSH PLANT CITY

MARCH 12, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:23) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that George W. Bush took his Presidential campaign to the sunshine state that weekend. Friendly crowds in Plant City, Florida City greeted the Texas Governor. He arrived at a strawberry festival with his younger brother, Florida Governor Jeb Bush. The elder Bush took the opportunity to criticize Vice President Al Gore on his alleged campaign finance abuses. Despite the home court advantage, the Bush brothers said they were prepared to work hard to win over Florida's voters.

CLINTON INDICTMENT

MARCH 14, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:31) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that although President Clinton was eventually acquitted by the Senate, the independent counsel may indict him

when he leaves office the following year on some of the same charges that led to his impeachment in the House of Representatives. Broadcast reports suggested the new independent counsel, Robert Ray, was considering indicting the President on charges of obstruction of justice and perjury in the Monica Lewinsky matter and for his testimony in a deposition in the Paula Jones case. Ray reportedly wanted to know if a different standard for conviction would apply once the President became a private citizen. There was no comment from Ray, the White House or the President's private attorneys.

WAR CRIMES TRIAL

MARCH 14, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:24) TRT 00:19

KCAL9 reporter Wayne Garcia reported that prosecutors at the Yugoslav Tribunal had opened their case against Bosnian Serb General Radislav Krstic. They described his alleged command over the 1995 slaughter of Srebrenica's Muslims as the worst war crimes since World War II. In addition to genocide, Krstic had been charged with crimes against humanity and violations of the laws or customs of war.

HESTON/NRA

MARCH 14, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:34) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that the bitter Feud between the Clinton Administration and the National Rifle Association was heating up even more. That day, President Clinton lashed out at NRA leaders and a new ad campaign delivered by its President, Charlton Heston. Clinton responded at a fundraiser in Cleveland, calling the ads a personal attack on him. Clinton's aides were also angered by comments from another NRA executive who claimed the President was exploiting recent gun deaths for political purposes.

ABANDON BABIES

MARCH 16, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:13) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on mothers abandoning or killing their newborn babies all too often. The most recent Southland case happened the week before. A Calimesa woman was pushing for a state bill aimed at preventing the tragedies. Debi Faris was backing Senate Bill 168 to provide a place for parents to leave newborns without fear of prosecution. She had already set up the Garden of Angels Cemetery, which contained the graves of newborns who died after abandonment. Faris said her goal and the goal of the bill was to prevent infants from dying.

CLINTON GUNS

MARCH 16, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:13) TRT 00:31

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that President Clinton spoke about gun control that morning. He did not respond directly to the continuing personal attacks from the National Rifle Association. The President had been getting support from religious leaders, and now even from Republicans in Congress. The previous night, an NRA spokesman accused the President of failing to enforce existing gun laws. He blamed the President for the shooting death the previous year of a Northwestern University Basketball coach. The shooter apparently failed a gun background check, but was not arrested. The White House responded by calling it "sick rhetoric."

GUN SETTLEMENT

MARCDH 17, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:25) TRT 00:15

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported on a major announcement that day from Smith and Wesson, and a major victory for the Clinton White House. The gun manufacturer said it would make its handguns child resistant within a year.

DR. LAURA PROTEST

MARCH 21, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that fiery protests erupted outside Paramount Studios that day. The angry protests surrounding Doctor Laura Schlesinger's controversial statements on homosexuality. Dr. Laura's new TV show was produced on Paramount's lot. Her supporters said free speech should prevail, but those against the show said it gave her a larger vehicle for spreading hate. Doctor Laura had said homosexuality was quoted "deviant behavior...and a biological error."

TOBACCO RULING

MARCH 21, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:14) TRT 00:24

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Capitol Hill was buzzing with reaction after a major upset from the Supreme Court on tobacco regulation. In a five-to-four ruling, the U. S. Supreme Court agreed the government did not have the authority to regulate tobacco. The White House quickly responded saying Congress needed to give the FDA that power, something that created a controversial reaction from congress. The justice department had no immediate comment on the ruling.

NORIEGA PAROLE

MARCH 21, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:10) TRT 00:22

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that former President George Bush feared for his life if Manuel Noriega got out of prison. According to Noriega's lawyer, a government prosecutor said that Bush was in "great fear" of Noriega, and that Bush did not feel the U.S. Secret Service could adequately protect him against the jailed former leader. Noriega's bid for freedom was rejected at a parole hearing that day in Miami.

YOUTH

HANDCUFFED KID

JANUARY 5, 2000 3:30 P.M. (03:02) TRT 00:30

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a 9-year old boy was handcuffed for breaking the law. His crime was not wearing a helmet. The entire incident was caught on tape by an investigator working on an unrelated case. The boy's mother demanded quick answers. However, the Sheriff's Department defended the deputy's actions and said the boy was trying to run away. In the end, the child was given two 24-dollar citations and a free helmet.

MISSING KID

JANUARY 7, 2000 8:00 P.M. (08:13) TRT 00:39

KCAL9 anchor Jane Velez Mitchell reported that there was an intense search that night for two Southland siblings, missing for two weeks, so far. Four year old Alamin Uhbobker and his three-year-old sister were last seen with their father Adil Uhbobker Adem. But, the children were nowhere to be found when police arrested Adem in connection with a Christmas Eve bank robbery. Authorities believed he might have left the children with a friend. The children's mother who was from Ethiopia said their father had threatened to take the kids out of the country in the past.

TEEN SENTENCING

JANUARY 13, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:12) TRT 00:12

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the country's youngest convicted murderer would remain in juvenile custody until the age of 21. A Michigan judge imposed the sentence on Nathaniel Abraham, but he was not happy about it. The sentencing of a child as an adult was a controversy raging across California and the nation. The sentencing of Nathaniel Abraham was sparking rage from both sides.

YOUTH CRIME

JANUARY 15, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:11) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that in California, voters would be asked to approve Prop.21 to allow more children to be tried as adults. Supporters said the measure on the March ballot was designed to bring a small criminal element into the adult system. But, opponents, like Cardinal Roger Mahony said the measure would have a counter-productive effect. Maggie Elvy was one of those supporting

Prop.21. She wanted harsher treatment on juveniles after two youngsters killed her husband with a lead pipe.

DECATUR ARREST

JANUARY 17, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:13) TRT 00:27

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that students expelled for a fight at a school football game made headlines that day. The fight broke out in the stands at a Decatur, Illinois high school the past September. Six teens, Jesse Jackson expelled all African American despite efforts. That night, one of the students found himself in trouble with the law again. He was this time arrested for running away from an officer. The arrest came just hours after a rally during which Jackson called the expulsions America's top civil rights battle.

BOY HERO

JANUARY 19, 2000 3:30 P.M. (03:37) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a quick thinking seven year old girl was honored that day as a hero. When Zachary Harris dialed 911, he saved his grandfather's life. State Attorney General Bill Lockyer was honoring 7-year old Zachary Harris as a hero. On Christmas day, Zachary was home alone in Redlands with his grandfather. When his grandfather had a severe reaction to medication, Zachary called 911. Zachary calmly gave the dispatcher his address and phone number. The dispatcher who talked to Zachary nominated him for the 911 kid's award. Zachary said he learned to call 911 from his teachers.

STUDENT FUNERAL

JANUARY 22, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:08) TRT 00:32

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that friends and family remembered 13-year old Carlos Ruiz who died at school that week. His funeral service was held at Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Habra. Ruiz collapsed during a half-mile run in physical education class on Wednesday. He stopped, put his hand on his chest, complained of pain and collapsed. A teacher gave him mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Carlos died en route to Saint Jude Medical Center in Fullerton. Counselors were at Imperial Middle School the next day, to help his classmates deal with their grief.

ANAHEIM KID KILLED

JANUARY 23, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:10) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the body of a 10-year old was found dead in a gruesome crime scene. His stepfather was the accused killer. An autopsy was performed that day on the body of Francisco Meza and though the details were not made public, the Coroner's Office said the results would be turned over to Anaheim Police. The boy was found dead the day before. His

stepfather, Efraim Arteaga, remained in jail that night on a quarter-million dollar bail.

DRUG USE

JANUARY 26, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:07) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that an alarming new study found eighth-graders in rural areas were 100% more likely to use amphetamines than city teens, and they were 50% more likely to use "cocaine." They're 80% more likely to use "crack cocaine." The president of the group that did the study said "Rural America" should be treated like "Columbia" when it comes to fighting drugs.

CHILD PEDESTRIAN

JANUARY 28, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:11) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that police were on the lookout that night for a hit and run driver who struck a child that afternoon in Pacoima. The 10-year old boy was walking home from school at Fourth Street and Maclay Avenue. He suffered several facial fractures and was airlifted to Children's Hospital. That night he was listed in fair condition.

DAD MAKES BOMBS

FEBRUARY 1, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:22) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that a 5-year old North Carolina boy turned his father in for making bombs. Police said Charles Barber was threatening his neighbors and fired a shot inside his mobile home. Once police got inside, the man's son told officers about the bombs his "daddy" made. Police said they found black powder, shot gun shells, batteries and toggle switches in the home. Barber was charged with several crimes, including contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

CHILD SWING DEATH

FEBRUARY 2, 2000 8:00 P.M. (08:13) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Bob Donley reported that there was a tragedy in the backyard of a family home in Huntington Beach. A seven year-old-girl was found dead near a swing set. That day, a preliminary autopsy confirmed the cause of death. A final report from the Coroner's office would not be released for several weeks. The girl was a second-grader at John Peterson School.

TEEN CHASED

FEBRUARY 4, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:08) TRT 00:35

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a 15-year-old boy was arrested following a high-speed chase. He was placed in a mental health facility. The pursuit started the night before in Mission Viejo when deputies spotted the boy driving his parent's car. The chase lasted 45 minutes and reached speeds of 80-miles per hour. It ended when the boy lost control of the van, drove through a construction area and then slammed into the center divider. He was not hurt. He was captured after a brief foot-pursuit. Deputies said the boy suffered from mental illness.

WELFARE/CHILDREN

FEBRUARY 4, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:16) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a new study indicated Welfare Reform was having a negative impact on children. Researchers said children often received substandard daycare when their mothers were forced off welfare and returned to work. The children were usually cared for by family, friends or baby sitters. They spend hours watching television with little exposure to educational opportunities. Researchers said children fared better when placed in licensed daycare centers: but that's something most former welfare mothers could not afford. Yale University and the University of California at Berkeley did the study.

GIRL DUMPED

FEBRUARY 7, 2000 3:30 P.M. (03:36) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a body of a fourteen-year-old girl had turned up in a remote Riverside County Canyon. Sheriff's Deputies said she was murdered. A passing motorist spotted Jessica Salazar's body just off the road by an old landfill near Moreno Valley over that weekend. Sheriff's Deputies would not say yet, how she died, or whether she was dumped or killed there.

MEXICO STUDENTS

FEBRUARY 8, 2000 2:00 P.M. (02:11) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that in Mexico arrested student leaders met with the media that day. They were arrested that Sunday with more than 600 others in Mexico City. They were accused of inciting a strike that kept the Autonomous University shut down for nearly ten months. A university spokesman said classes at Latin America's largest university would resume as soon as the campus could be cleaned. Strikers had wide spread support inside and outside of the university. Officials admit it would take time to mend fences in the university community.

KIDS CARSEATS

FEBRUARY 9, 2000 12:00 P.M. (12:16) TRT 00:43

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Daimler-Chrysler was starting a new program that day to teach parents how to correctly buckle their children into child safety seats. The program was the first of its kind. The number three automaker would begin taking appointment that day at 400 dealerships across the country. The program grew out of a challenge from the National Transportation Safety Board. Chrysler said the service was free to anyone, regardless of the type of car they drove.

FOUR DEAD

FEBRUARY 18, 2000 9:00 P.M. (09:06) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a teenage driver would be facing serious charges in a violent head-on crash in Santa Clarita, that night. Deputies said he was hitting about 100 miles per hour when his car spun out of control. A man and three other teenagers were killed in the collision. The teenage driver and his passenger survived the crash. Both were wearing seatbelts.

TEEN INTERNET

FEBRUARY 22, 2000 8:00 P.M. (08:31) TRT 00:25

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a 31-year-old website developer was in custody that night. He was charged with several counts of sexually exploiting children. Police in Ellijay, Georgia seized computers, cameras, photos and porn magazines, all belonging to Patrick Stevens. They said he was recruiting teens to pose for an adult website he was planning to start. Stevens allegedly had the teens sign contracts to pose nude for about 30-dollars and hour. When a mother learned her daughter had signed a contract she contacted police and Stevens was arrested.

GARDEN IN SCHOOL

MARCH 4, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:42) TRT 00:29

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that for most city kids, food came from the supermarket in neatly packaged containers. But a new program intended to let kids get their hands dirty and learn what it really took to put food on the table. The Partnership for Agriculture and Science Education planned to put a garden in every school. The program would help kids learn the art and science of farming, at least on a basic level. More than 30 different organizations were sponsoring the garden sites, like the one at North Hollywood High.

NINTENDO GLOVE

MARCH 9, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:37) TRT 00:20

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported that youngsters were told to wear protective gear when participating in many outdoor activities, like football or skateboarding. They would need special gear for video games. Apparently, many youngsters had suffered blisters and cuts while playing Nintendo's Mario party game. Players were required to quickly turn a joys stick with a grooved tip. As a result of a settlement with the New York Attorney General, players would be receiving special gloves. The company would provide each household that owned the video game, with up to four protective gloves.

KIDS CD ROM

MARCH 14, 2000 2:00 P.M. (2:35) TRT 00:21

KCAL9 anchor Terri Merryman reported on something good for both kids and parents, a non-violent video game with educational value. It was called "quizz show" the kids version of "who wants to be a millionaire." It took players on voyages though haunted mansions; shark infested waters, pirate coves, and outer space. The game taught them about Math, Science, and American Culture. Kids seemed to like the game, just because it was fun.

TIGER ATTACK

MARCH 17, 2000 10:00 P.M. (10:31) TRT 00:26

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that doctors reattached a boy's arm following a vicious tiger attack. The little boy was still able to live a normal life. Jayton Tidwell was attacked when he poked his hand inside the tiger's cage. When animal control arrived to quarantine the big cat, news crews went onto the property to get pictures and that angered the family. Some neighbors insisted the tiger had always been friendly. Others said they were worried something like that might happen again.

PRISON-YOUTH

MARCH 18, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:22) TRT 00:16

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported on the only time you would want your kids to spend a day with prisoners. Under the watchful eye of the LAPD and prison guards, inmates from Chuckawalla Valley State Prison paid a visit to Parker Center and a group of kids headed in the wrong direction. The inmates with Chuckawalla's new directions program were not compensated in any way for their efforts. In fact, they enjoyed doing it, and said had a program like this been available for them, they probably would not be behind bars.

TEEN DRIVERS

MARCH 21, 2000 9:00 P.M. (9:25) TRT 00:28

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported on a new study that was out that parents would find alarming. The more young people you pack into a car with a teen driver the more likely the driver will die in a crash. The study conducted by Johns Hopkins confirms what some parents had long suspected. The study revealed that 16-year-olds carrying one passenger were 39 percent more likely to get killed than driving alone.